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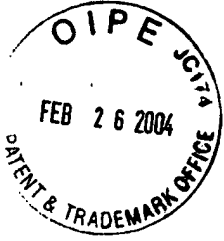
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Regulating Access to Content using a Multitiered Rule Base

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/421,051, filed October 25, 2002, and titled "Out-of-band Tokens for Digital Rights Management"; U.S. Application No. 10/334,144, filed December 31, 2002, and titled "Out-of-band Tokens for Rights Access"; U.S. Application No. 10/412,682, filed April 14, 2003 and titled "Out-of-Band Tokens for Rights Access"; and U.S. Application No. 10/429,963, filed May 6, 2003 and titled "Electronic Loose-Leaf." These applications are incorporated by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

This document relates to content management systems.

BACKGROUND

The emergence of new technologies has created more channels for dissemination of content to which access is not necessarily authorized. Moreover, with digital copying tools and Internet-based distribution programs, content that has been accessed without authorization may be digitally copied many times without distortion.

SUMMARY

In one general sense, access to content may be regulated by accessing a medium associated with a content selection, identifying a profile associated with the medium, using the profile to analyze a content request with a multitiered rule base that includes two or more of a medium rule base, a media player rule base, and a host rule base, and enabling access to the content selection in accordance with the analysis.

Implementations may include one or more of the following features. For example, identifying the profile may include identifying a reference such as, a unique serial number.

A user accessing the content selection may be identified. Using the profile to analyze the content request may include determining an access right for the user for content identified by the profile. The content request may be reported to a reporting agent. Reporting the